Lines inscribed to E. G. A.

June, the King & Countryman.

There once was a [redacted] as ever [redacted] —
When the British came over he flurried & frowned,
Would'nt hear of their laying a tax upon tea
Or of having his grandchildren's faces ground.

Ri tu di nu de nu di nu
Ri tu di nu di nu di nah!

So he signed a paper which went to declare
That all of right ought to be equal & free,
That Freedom & justice & all of that ere
Might settle on him & his posterity.

Ri tu di nu &c

But see how unlucky! — one sunshiny day
A rogue of a landholder came from the South
The name of the fellow was James B. Gray
And he wanted the use of a freeman's mouth:—

Ri tu di nu &c.

So he seized on the grandson of that old man,
In spite of his grandfather's noble intents,
And ground his face till he joined in a plan
To sell justice & Freedom for 83 cents! +

Ri tu di nu &c

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Boston 1840

Dear Friend,

Knowing your ability, zeal and efficiency, in the glorious cause of human freedom, and your willingness to encourage by your aid every judicious movement to advance our cause, and cripple the influence of slavery, I take the liberty to say a few words with respect to the wants of our cause, and urge upon you to adopt a plan by which all the friends of impartial liberty may be induced to come up to the aid of our treasury.

While the public, the press and public opinion are arrayed against our cause — while the mass of the public remain ignorant of the nature and tendency of our principles and measures: — while no fact, any indifference is manifested by the Sons of the North to the helpless victims of Southern oppression, the state should be filled with able and efficient lecturers, — libraries should be established in every school district — newspapers, pamphlets & petitions should be printed & spread broadcast over the land, — that hatred, prejudice and doubt may be removed, and the entire north converted to the doctrine that "all men have an inalienable right to liberty and the pursuit of happiness" and that "God hath made of one blood all nations of men to dwell upon all the face of the earth." There and not till then, can the North, with clean skirts, apply these principles to the system of slavery, so that tyranny and oppression shall give place to justice and mercy, and the bondmen can be clothed with the rights and dignity of man. But this cannot be done without the means. This is emphatically an enterprise which cannot be successfully prosecuted without funds.

Previous to this pecuniary pressure, which is now raging like an epidemic, the Massachusetts Anti Slavery Society commissioned a large number of able and efficient lecturers, financial & book agents, with the confident assurance that through the influence of their labors, the state would be embraced in the great principles embodied in our Anti Slavery constitutions. But the sudden prostration of business has caused to a great extent, the large contributions upon which the Society generally relied, and has rendered the collection of funds at present, by agents entirely impracticable. Some new plan for raising funds must be adopted to enable the Board to meet the liabilities of the Society so that able and devoted agents may still be retained. This is very important as the people are inquiring for light upon the subject, and manifested on their part, to hear